Liturgies

THE OFFICES,

According to the Use of

The Church of England,

FOR

The Administration of the LORD's SUPPER;

The Solemnization of MATRIMONY;

The BAPTISM of Infants, both publick and private;

The CHURCHING of Women;

The VISITATION, and COMMUNION of the Sick;

The BURIAL of the Dead.

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CUM PRIVILEGIO.

The Adminiſtration of the LORD'S SUPPER, OR HOLY COMMUNION.

¶ *The Prieſt ſhall return to the Lord's Table, and begin the Offertory, ſaying one or more of theſe Sentences following, as he thinketh moſt convenient in his diſcretion.*

LET your light ſo ſhine before men, that they may ſee your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *Mat.* 5.16.

Lay not up for yourſelves treaſures upon earth; where the ruſt and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and ſteal: but lay up for yourſelves treaſures in heaven; where neither ruſt nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor ſteal. *Mat.* 6.19,20.

Whatſoever ye would that men ſhould do unto you, even ſo do unto them; for this is the law and the prophets. *Mat.* 7. 12.

Not every one that ſaith unto me, Lord, Lord, ſhall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *Mat.* 7. 21.

Zaccheus ſtood forth, and ſaid unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have done any wrong to any man, I reſtore fourfold. *Luke* 19. 8.

Who goeth a warfare at any time of his own coſt? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? 1 *Cor.* 9. 7.

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If we have ſown unto you ſpiritual things, is it a great matter if we ſhall reap your worldly things? 1 *Cor.* 9. 11.

Do ye not know, that they who miniſter about holy things, live of the ſacrifice? and they who wait at the altar, are partakers with the altar? Even ſo hath the Lord alſo ordained, that they who preach the Goſpel, ſhould live of the Goſpel. 1 *Cor.* 9. 13, 14.

He that ſoweth little, ſhall reap little; and he that ſoweth plenteouſly, ſhall reap plenteouſly. Let every man do according as he is diſpoſed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of neceſſity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 *Cor.* 9. 6, 7.

Let him that is taught in the Word, miniſter unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not de-

deceived, God is not mocked: for whatſoever a man ſoweth, that ſhall he reap. *Gal.*6. 6,7.

While we have time, let us do good unto all men; and ſpecially unto them that are of the houſhold of faith. *Gal.*6. 10.

Godlineſs is great riches, if a man be content with that he hath: for we brought nothing into the world, neither may we carry any thing out. 1 *Tim.*6. 6,7.

Charge them who are rich in this world, that they be ready to give, and glad to diſtribute; laying up in ſtore for themſelves a good foundation againſt the time to come, that they may attain eternal life. 1 *Tim.*6. 17,18,19.

God is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works, and labour that proceedeth of love; which love

love ye have ſhewed for his Name's ſake, who have miniſtered unto the ſaints, and yet do miniſter. *Hebr.*6.10.

To do good, and to diſtribute forget not; for with ſuch ſacrifices God is well pleaſed. *Hebr.* 13.16.

Whoſo hath this world's good, and ſeeth his brother have need, and ſhutteth up his compaſſion from him; how dwelleth the love of God in him? *1 John* 3.17.

Give alms of thy goods, and never turn thy face from any poor man; and then the face of the Lord ſhall not be turned away from thee. *Tob.*4.7.

Be merciful after thy power. If thou haſt much, give plenteouſly: if thou haſt little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for ſo gathereſt thou thyſelf a good

reward in the day of neceſſity. *Tob.*4.8,9.

He that hath pity upon the poor, lendeth unto the Lord: and look, what he layeth out, it ſhall be paid him again. *Prov.*19.17.

Bleſſed be the man that provideth for the ſick and needy: the Lord ſhall deliver him in the time of trouble. *Pſal.*41.1.

¶ *Whilſt theſe ſentences are in reading, the Deacons, Churchwardens, or other fit perſon appointed for that purpoſe, ſhall receive the Alms for the Poor, and other devotions of the People, in a decent Baſon to be provided by the Pariſh for that purpoſe; and reverently bring it to the Prieſt, who ſhall humbly preſent and place it upon the holy Table: On which he ſhall alſo place ſo much Bread and Wine, as he ſhall think ſufficient. After which done, the Prieſt ſhall ſay,*

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Let us pray for the whole ſtate of Chriſt's Church militant here in earth.

ALmighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apoſtle haſt taught us to make prayers and ſupplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beſeech thee moſt mercifully [* *to accept our alms and oblations, and*] to receive theſe our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majeſty; beſeeching thee to inſpire continually the univerſal Church with the Spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confeſs thy holy Name, may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beſeech thee

* *If there be no alms or oblations, then ſhall the words* [to accept our alms and oblations] *be left out unſaid.*

thee alſo to ſave and defend all Chriſtian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and eſpecially thy ſervant GEORGE our King; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently miniſter juſtice, to the puniſhment of wickedneſs and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true Religion, and Virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Biſhops, and Curates; that they may both by their life, and doctrine, ſet forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly adminiſter thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and eſpecially, to this congregation here preſent; that

that with meek heart, and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly ſerving thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all the days of their life. And we moſt humbly beſeech thee of thy goodneſs, O Lord, to comfort and ſuccour all them, who in this tranſitory life are in trouble, ſorrow, need, ſickneſs, or any other adverſity. And we alſo bleſs thy holy Name, for all thy ſervants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beſeeching thee to give us grace ſo to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, our only Mediator, and Advocate. *Amen.*

¶ *The Communicants being conveniently placed for the receiving of the holy Sacrament, the Prieſt ſhall ſay this Exhortation.*

DEarly beloved in the Lord, ye that mind to come to the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Chriſt, muſt conſider how Saint Paul exhorteth all perſons diligently to try and examine themſelves before they preſume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy Sacrament; (for then we ſpiritually eat the fleſh of Chriſt, and drink his blood; then we dwell in Chriſt, and Chriſt in us; we are one with Chriſt, and Chriſt with us;) ſo is the danger great, if we receive the ſame unwor-

worthily: For then we are guilty of the Body and Blood of Chriſt our Saviour; we eat and drink our own damnation, not conſidering the Lord's Body; we kindle God's wrath againſt us; we provoke him to plague us with divers diſeaſes, and ſundry kinds of death. Judge therefore yourſelves, brethren, that ye be not judged of the Lord; repent you truly for your ſins paſt; have a lively and ſtedfaſt faith in Chriſt our Saviour; amend your lives, and be in perfect charity with all men; ſo ſhall ye be meet partakers of thoſe holy myſteries. And above all things ye muſt give moſt humble and hearty thanks to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, for the redemption of the world by the death and paſſion of our Saviour Chriſt, both God

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and man; who did humble himſelf even to the death upon the Croſs, for us miſerable ſinners, who lay in darkneſs and the ſhadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlaſting life. And to the end that we ſhould alway remember the exceeding great love of our Maſter and only Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by his precious blood-ſhedding he hath obtained to us; he hath inſtituted and ordained holy myſteries, as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death, to our great and endleſs comfort. To him therefore, with the Father, and the Holy Ghoſt, let us give (as we are moſt bounden) continual thanks; ſubmitting ourſelves wholly

wholly to his holy will and pleaſure, and ſtudying to ſerve him in true holineſs and righteouſneſs all the days of our life. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay to them, that come to receive the holy Communion.*

YE that do truly and earneſtly repent you of your ſins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confeſſion to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

¶ *Then ſhall this general Confeſſion be made, in the name of all thoſe that are minded to receive the holy Communion, by one of the Miniſters; both he and all the People kneeling humbly upon their knees, and ſaying;*

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold ſins and wickedneſs, Which we from time to time moſt grievouſly have committed, By thought, word, and deed, againſt thy divine Majeſty, Provoking moſt juſtly thy wrath and indignation againſt us. We do earneſtly repent, And are heartily ſorry for theſe our miſdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, moſt merciful Father; For thy Son

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our Lord Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, forgive us all that is paſt; And grant that we may ever hereafter ſerve and pleaſe thee in newneſs of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name, Through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt (or the Biſhop, being preſent) ſtand up, and turning himſelf to the People, pronounce this Abſolution.*

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promiſed forgiveneſs of ſins to all them, that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your ſins; confirm and ſtrengthen you in all goodneſs, and bring you to everlaſting life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay;*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Chriſt ſaith unto all that truly turn to him.

COme unto me, all ye that travel, and are heavy laden, and I will refreſh you. *Mat.* 11. 28.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him, ſhould not periſh, but have everlaſting life. *John* 3. 16.

Hear alſo what Saint Paul ſaith.

This is a true ſaying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Chriſt Jeſus came into the world to ſave ſinners. 1 *Tim.* 1. 15.

Hear alſo what Saint John ſaith.

If any man ſin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jeſus Chriſt

Chriſt the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our ſins. 1 *Joh.* 2. 1, 2.

¶ *After which the Prieſt ſhall proceed, ſaying,*

Prieſt. Lift up your hearts.

Anſwer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Prieſt. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Anſwer. It is meet and right ſo to do.

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt turn to the Lord's Table, and ſay,*

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we ſhould at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, *Holy Father, Almighty, Everlaſting God:

* *Theſe words* [Holy Father] *muſt be omitted on* Trinity Sunday.

¶ *Here ſhall follow the Proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any ſpecially appointed: or elſe immediately ſhall follow,*

THerefore with Angels, and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praiſing thee, and ſaying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hoſts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord moſt high. *Amen.*

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¶ *Upon* Chriſtmas-day, *and ſeven days after.*

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¶ *Upon* Eaſter-day, *and ſeven days after.*

BUT chiefly are we bound to praiſe thee for the glorious Reſurrection of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord: for he is the very Paſchal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the ſin of the world; who by his death hath deſtroyed death, and by his riſing to life again hath reſtored to us everlaſting life. Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

¶ *Upon* Aſcenſion-day, *and ſeven days after.*

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he is, thither we might alſo aſcend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

¶ *Upon* Whitſunday, *and ſix days after.*

THrough Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; according to whoſe moſt true promiſe, the Holy Ghoſt came down as at this time from heaven with a ſudden great ſound, as it had been a mighty wind; in the likeneſs of fiery tongues lighting upon the Apoſtles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and alſo boldneſs with fervent zeal, conſtantly to preach the Goſpel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkneſs and error, into the clear light and true knowledge of Thee, and of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

¶ *Upon*

¶ *Upon the Feaſt of* Trinity *only.*

WHO art one God, one Lord; not one only perſon, but three perſons in one ſubſtance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the ſame we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt, without any difference or inequality. Therefore with Angels, *&c.*

¶ *After each of which Prefaces, ſhall immediately be ſung or ſaid,*

THerefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praiſing thee, and ſaying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hoſts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord moſt high. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt, kneeling down at the Lord's Table, ſay in the name of all them that ſhall receive the Communion, this Prayer following.*

WE do not preſume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, truſting in our own righteouſneſs, but in thy manifold and great mercies: We are not worthy ſo much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the ſame Lord, whoſe property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, ſo to eat the fleſh of thy dear Son Jeſus Chriſt, and to drink his blood, that our ſinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our ſouls waſhed through his moſt precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

¶ *When*

¶ *When the Prieſt, ſtanding before the Table, hath ſo ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readineſs and decency break the Bread before the People, and take the Cup into his hands, he ſhall ſay the Prayer of Conſecration, as followeth.*

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didſt give thine only Son Jeſus Chriſt to ſuffer death upon the Croſs for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himſelf once offered) a full, perfect, and ſufficient ſacrifice, oblation, and ſatisfaction for the ſins of the whole world; and did inſtitute, and in his holy Goſpel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again; Hear us, O merciful Father, we moſt humbly beſeech thee, and grant that we re-

receiving theſe thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt's holy inſtitution, in remembrance of his death and paſſion, may be partakers of his moſt bleſſed body and blood: who in the ſame night that he was betrayed, * took bread; and when he had given thanks, † he brake it, and gave it to his diſciples, ſaying, Take, eat, ‡ this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewiſe after ſupper he * took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, ſaying, Drink ye all of this; for † this is my Blood of the New

* *Here the Prieſt is to take the Paten into his hands:*

† *And here to break the bread:*

‡ *And here to lay his hand upon all the Bread.*

* *Here he is to take the Cup into his hand:*

† *And here to lay his hand upon every veſſel (be it Chalice or Flagon) in which there is any Wine to be conſecrated.*

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Teſtament, which is ſhed for you, and for many, for the remiſſion of ſins; Do this, as oft as ye ſhall drink it, in remembrance of me. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Miniſter firſt receive the Communion in both kinds himſelf, and then proceed to deliver the ſame to the Biſhops, Prieſts, and Deacons, in like manner, (if any be preſent;) and after that to the People alſo in order, into their hands, all meekly kneeling. And when he delivereth the Bread to any one, he ſhall ſay,*

THE Body of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, which was given for thee, preſerve thy body and ſoul unto everlaſting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Chriſt died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

¶ *And*

¶ *And the Miniſter that delivereth the Cup to any one, ſhall ſay,*

THE Blood of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, which was ſhed for thee, preſerve thy body and ſoul unto everlaſting life. Drink this in remembrance that Chriſt's blood was ſhed for thee, and be thankful.

¶ *If the conſecrated Bread or Wine be all ſpent before all have communicated, the Prieſt is to conſecrate more according to the Form before preſcribed; beginning at* [Our Saviour Chriſt in the ſame night, &c.] *for the bleſſing of the Bread; and at* [Likewiſe after Supper, &c.] *for the bleſſing of the Cup.*

¶ *When all have communicated, the Miniſter ſhall return to the Lord's Table, and reverently place upon it what remaineth of the conſecrated Elements, covering the ſame with a fair linen cloth.*

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay the Lord's Prayer, the People repeating it after him.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *After which ſhall be ſaid as followeth.*

O Lord our heavenly Father, we thy humble ſervants entirely deſire thy fatherly goodneſs, mercifully to accept this our ſacrifice of praiſe and thanksgiving; moſt humbly beſeeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, and through

through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remiſſion of our ſins, and all other benefits of his paſſion. And here we offer and preſent unto thee, O Lord, ourſelves, our ſouls and bodies, to be a reaſonable, holy, and lively ſacrifice unto thee; humbly beſeeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold ſins, to offer unto thee any ſacrifice; yet we beſeech thee to accept this our bounden duty and ſervice; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghoſt, all honour and glory

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O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jeſu Chriſt; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takeſt away the ſins of the world, have mercy upon us: Thou, that takeſt away the ſins of the world, have mercy upon us: Thou, that takeſt away the ſins of the world, receive our prayer: Thou, that ſitteſt at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

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For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Chriſt, with the Holy Ghoſt, art moſt high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

¶ *Collects to be ſaid, one or more, after the Communion, by the diſcretion of the Miniſter.*

ASſiſt us mercifully, O Lord, in theſe our ſupplications and prayers, and diſpoſe the way of thy ſervants towards the attainment of everlaſting ſalvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy moſt gracious and ready help, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

OAlmighty Lord, and everlaſting God, vouchſafe, we beſeech thee, to direct, ſanctify, and

and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy moſt mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preſerved in body and ſoul, through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beſeech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be ſo grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praiſe of thy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

PRevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy moſt gracious favour, and further us with

thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name; and finally by thy mercy obtain everlaſting life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, the fountain of all wiſdom, who knoweſt our neceſſities before we aſk, and our ignorance in aſking; We beſeech thee to have compaſſion upon our infirmities; and thoſe things, which for our unworthineſs we dare not, and for our blindneſs we cannot aſk, vouchſafe to give us for the worthineſs of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who haſt promiſed to hear the petitions of them that aſk in thy Son's Name; We

We beſeech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and ſupplications unto thee; and grant that thoſe things, which we have faithfully aſked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our neceſſity, and to the ſetting forth of thy glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Prieſt (or Biſhop if he be preſent) ſhall let them depart with this Bleſſing.

THE peace of God, which paſſeth all underſtanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord: And the bleſſing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, be amongſt you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Solemnization of MATRIMONY.

¶ *If the Perſons that are to be married, dwell in divers Pariſhes, the Banns muſt be aſked in both Pariſhes; and the Curate of the one Pariſh ſhall not ſolemnize Matrimony betwixt them, without a Certificate of the Banns being thrice aſked from the Curate of the other Pariſh.*

¶ *The Perſons to be married ſhall come into the body of the Church; and there ſtanding together, the Man on the right hand, and the Woman on the left, the Prieſt ſhall ſay,*

DEarly beloved, we are gathered together here in the ſight of God, and in the face of this congregation, to join together this man and this woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honourable eſtate, inſtituted of God in the time of man's innocency, ſignifying unto us the myſtical union that

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is betwixt Chriſt and his Church: which holy eſtate Chriſt adorned and beautified with his preſence, and firſt miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee; and is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be enterpriſed, nor taken in hand unadviſedly, lightly, or wantonly, to ſatisfy men's carnal luſts and appetites, like brute beaſts that have no underſtanding; but reverently, diſcreetly, adviſedly, ſoberly, and in the fear of God; duly conſidering the cauſes for which Matrimony was ordained.

Firſt, it was ordained for the procreation of children, to be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and to the praiſe of his holy Name.

Secondly, it was ordained for a remedy againſt ſin, and to avoid fornication; that ſuch perſons, as have not the gift of continency, might marry, and keep themſelves undefiled members of Chriſt's body.

Thirdly, it was ordained for the mutual ſociety, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, both in proſperity and adverſity.

Into which holy eſtate theſe two perſons preſent come now to be joined. Therefore if any man can ſhew any juſt cauſe, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now ſpeak, or elſe hereafter for ever hold his peace.

¶ *And*

¶ *And alſo, ſpeaking unto the Perſons that ſhall be married, he ſhall ſay,*

I Require and charge you both (as ye will anſwer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the ſecrets of all hearts ſhall be diſcloſed) that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confeſs it. For be ye well aſſured, that ſo many as are coupled together otherwiſe than God's Word doth allow, are not joined together by God, neither is their Matrimony lawful.

¶ *If no Impediment be alledged, then ſhall the Curate ſay unto the Man,*

M. WILT thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy eſtate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her,

comfort her, honour and keep her in ſickneſs and in health; and forſaking all other, keep thee only unto her, ſo long as ye both ſhall live?

¶ *The Man ſhall anſwer,*

I will.

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay unto the Woman,*

N. WILT thou have this man to thy wedded huſband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy eſtate of Matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, ſerve him, love, honour, and keep him in ſickneſs and in health; and forſaking all other, keep thee only unto him, ſo long as ye both ſhall live?

¶ *The Woman ſhall anſwer,*

I will.

¶ *Then ſhall the Miniſter ſay,*

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this man?

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then the Miniſter receiving the Woman at her Father's or Friend's hands, ſhall cauſe the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and to ſay after him as followeth:*

I *M.* take thee *N.* to my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worſe, for richer for poorer, in ſickneſs and in health, to love and to cheriſh, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

¶ *Then ſhall they looſe their hands; and the Woman with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, ſhall likewiſe ſay after the Miniſter,*

I *N.* take thee *M.* to my wedded huſband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worſe, for richer for poorer, in ſickneſs and in health, to love, che-

cheriſh, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

¶ *Then ſhall they again looſe their hands; and the Man ſhall give unto the Woman a Ring, laying the ſame upon the book, with the accuſtomed duty to the Prieſt and Clerk. And the Prieſt taking the Ring, ſhall deliver it unto the Man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. And the Man holding the Ring there, and taught by the Prieſt, ſhall ſay,*

WITH this Ring I thee wed, with my body I thee worſhip, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt. Amen.

¶ *Then the Man leaving the Ring upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand, they ſhall both kneel down; and the Miniſter ſhall ſay,*

Let

Let us pray.

O Eternal God, creator and preſerver of all mankind, giver of all ſpiritual grace, the author of everlaſting life; Send thy bleſſing upon theſe thy ſervants, this man and this woman, whom we bleſs in thy Name; that as Iſaac and Rebecca lived faithfully together, ſo theſe perſons may ſurely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, (whereof this Ring given and received is a token and pledge;) and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt join their right hands together, and ſay,*

Thoſe whom God hath joined together, let no man put aſunder.

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then ſhall the Miniſter ſpeak unto the People.*

FOraſmuch as *M.* and *N.* have conſented together in holy wedlock, and have witneſſed the ſame before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth either to other, and have declared the ſame by giving and receiving of a Ring, and by joining of hands; I pronounce that they be man and wife together, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt. Amen.

¶ *And the Miniſter ſhall add this Bleſſing.*

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghoſt, bleſs, preſerve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you, and ſo fill you with all ſpiritual benediction and grace, that

that ye may ſo live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlaſting. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Miniſter or Clerks going to the Lord's Table, ſhall ſay or ſing this Pſalm.*

Beati omnes. Pſal. 128.

BLeſſed are all they that fear the Lord: and walk in his ways.

For thou ſhalt eat the labour of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy ſhalt thou be.

Thy wife ſhall be as the fruitful vine: upon the walls of thy houſe;

Thy children like the olive-branches: round about thy table.

Lo, thus ſhall the man be bleſſed: that feareth the Lord.

The Lord from out of Sion ſhall ſo bleſs thee: that thou ſhalt ſee Jeruſalem in proſperity all thy life long;

Yea,

Yea, that thou ſhalt ſee thy children's children : and peace upon Iſrael.

Glory be to the Father, *&c.*

As it was in the beginning, *&c.*

¶ *Or this Pſalm.*

Deus miſereatur. Pſal. 67.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bleſs us : and ſhew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.

That thy way may be known upon earth : thy ſaving health among all nations.

Let the people praiſe thee, O God : yea, let all the people praiſe thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou ſhalt judge the folk righteouſly, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praiſe thee, O God:

God: let all the people praiſe thee.

Then ſhall the earth bring forth her increaſe: and God, even our own God, ſhall give us his bleſſing.

God ſhall bleſs us: and all the ends of the world ſhall fear him.

Glory be to the Father, *&c.*

As it was in the beginning, *&c.*

¶ *The Pſalm ended, and the Man and the Woman kneeling before the Lord's Table, the Prieſt ſtanding at the Table, and turning his face towards them ſhall ſay,*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Anſw. Chriſt, have mercy upon us.

Miniſter. Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven:

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Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Miniſter. O Lord, ſave thy ſervant, and thy handmaid;

Anſwer. Who put their truſt in thee.

Miniſter. O Lord, ſend them help from thy holy place;

Anſwer. And evermore defend them.

Miniſter. Be unto them a tower of ſtrength,

Anſwer. From the face of their enemy.

Miniſter. O Lord, hear our prayer;

Anſwer. And let our cry come unto thee.

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O God of Abraham, God of Iſaac, God of Jacob, bleſs theſe thy ſervants, and ſow the ſeed of eternal life in their hearts; that whatſoever in thy holy Word they ſhall profitably learn, they may in deed fulfil the ſame. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon them from heaven, and bleſs them. And as thou didſt ſend thy bleſſing upon Abraham and Sarah, to their great comfort; ſo vouchſafe to ſend thy bleſſing upon theſe thy ſervants; that they obeying thy will, and alway being in ſafety under thy protection, may abide in thy love unto their lives end; through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *This next Prayer ſhall be omitted, where the Woman is paſt child-bearing.*

O Merciful Lord and heavenly Father, by whoſe gracious gift mankind is increaſed; We beſeech thee, aſſiſt with thy bleſſing theſe two perſons; that they may both be fruitful in procreation of children, and alſo live together ſo long in godly love and honeſty; that they may ſee their children chriſtianly and virtuouſly brought up, to thy praiſe and honour, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who by thy mighty power haſt made all things of nothing; who alſo (after other things ſet in order) didſt appoint, that out of man (created after thine own image and ſimilitude) woman ſhould take her beginning;

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and knitting them together, didſt teach that it ſhould never be lawful to put aſunder thoſe whom thou by Matrimony haſt made one: O God, who haſt conſecrated the ſtate of Matrimony to ſuch an excellent myſtery, that in it is ſignified and repreſented the ſpiritual marriage and unity betwixt Chriſt and his Church; Look mercifully upon theſe thy ſervants, that both this man may love his wife, according to thy Word, (as Chriſt did love his ſpouſe the Church; who gave himſelf for it, loving and cheriſhing it even as his own fleſh;) and alſo that this woman may be loving and amiable, faithful and obedient to her huſband; and in all quietneſs, ſobriety, and peace, be a follower of holy and godly matrons. O Lord, bleſs them both,

and grant them to inherit thy everlaſting kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay,*

ALmighty God, who at the beginning did create our firſt parents, Adam and Eve, and did ſanctify and join them together in marriage; Pour upon you the riches of his grace, ſanctify, and bleſs you; that ye may pleaſe him both in body and ſoul, and live together in holy love unto your lives end. *Amen.*

¶ *After which, if there be no Sermon declaring the duties of Man and Wife, the Miniſter ſhall read as followeth.*

ALL ye that are married, or that intend to take the holy eſtate of Matrimony upon you, hear what the holy Scripture doth

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ſay as touching the duty of huſbands towards their wives, and wives towards their huſbands.

Saint Paul, in his Epiſtle to the Epheſians, the fifth Chapter, doth give this commandment to all married men; Huſbands, love your wives, even as Chriſt alſo loved the Church, and gave himſelf for it, that he might ſanctify and cleanſe it with the waſhing of water, by the Word; that he might preſent it to himſelf a glorious Church, not having ſpot, or wrinkle, or any ſuch thing; but that it ſhould be holy, and without blemiſh. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies; he that loveth his wife loveth himſelf: For no man ever yet hated his own fleſh, but nouriſheth and cheriſheth it, even as the

Lord the Church: for we are members of his body, of his fleſh, and of his bones. For this cauſe ſhall a man leave his father and his mother, and ſhall be joined unto his wife; and they two ſhall be one fleſh. This is a great myſtery; but I ſpeak concerning Chriſt and the Church. Nevertheleſs, let every one of you in particular ſo love his wife, even as himſelf. *Eph.* 5. 25.

Likewiſe the ſame Saint Paul, writing to the Coloſſians, ſpeaketh thus to all men that are married; Huſbands, love your wives, and be not bitter againſt them. *Coloſſ.* 3. 19.

Hear alſo what Saint Peter the Apoſtle of Chriſt, who was himſelf a married man, ſaith unto them that are married; Ye huſbands, dwell with your wives according

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to knowledge; giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker veſſel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers be not hindered. 1 *Pet.* 3.7.

Hitherto ye have heard the duty of the huſband toward the wife. Now likewiſe, ye wives, hear and learn your duties toward your huſbands, even as it is plainly ſet forth in holy Scripture.

Saint Paul, in the aforenamed Epiſtle to the Epheſians, teacheth you thus; Wives, ſubmit your ſelves unto your own huſbands, as unto the Lord. For the huſband is the head of the wife, even as Chriſt is the head of the Church: and he is the Saviour of the body. Therefore as the Church is ſubject unto Chriſt, ſo let the wives be to their own huſbands in every thing.

And again he ſaith, Let the wife ſee that ſhe reverence her huſband. *Epheſ.* 5. 22.

And in his Epiſtle to the Coloſſians, St. Paul giveth you this ſhort leſſon; Wives, ſubmit yourſelves unto your own huſbands, as it is fit in the Lord. *Coloſſ.* 3. 18.

Saint Peter alſo doth inſtruct you very well, thus ſaying; Ye wives, be in ſubjection to your own huſbands; that if any obey not the word, they alſo may without the word be won by the converſation of the wives; while they behold your chaſte converſation coupled with fear. Whoſe adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which

which is not corruptible; even the ornament of a meek and quiet ſpirit, which is in the ſight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women alſo, who truſted in God, adorned themſelves, being in ſubjection unto their own huſbands; even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him Lord; whoſe daughters ye are as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 1 *Pet.* 3. 1.

¶ *It is convenient that the new married Perſons ſhould receive the holy Communion at the time of their Marriage, or at the firſt opportunity after their Marriage.*

PUBLICK BAPTISM of INFANTS In the Church.

¶ *Note, That there ſhall be for every Male-Child to be baptized, two Godfathers and one Godmother; and for every Female, one Godfather and two Godmothers.*

¶ *The Prieſt coming to the Font, (which is then to be filled with pure Water,) and ſtanding there ſhall ſay,*

HATH this Child been already baptized, or no?

¶ *If they anſwer,* No: *Then ſhall the Prieſt proceed as followeth.*

DEarly beloved, foraſmuch as all men are conceived and born in ſin; and that our Saviour Chriſt ſaith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghoſt; I beſeech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that of his bounteous mercy he

he will grant to *this Child* that thing which by nature *he* cannot have, that *he* may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghoſt, and received into Chriſt's holy Church, and be made *a lively member* of the ſame.

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay,*

Let us pray.

ALmighty and everlaſting God, who of thy great mercy didſt ſave Noah and his family in the ark from periſhing by water; and alſo didſt ſafely lead the children of Iſrael thy people through the Red Sea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptiſm; and by the Baptiſm of thy well-beloved Son Jeſus Chriſt in the river Jordan, didſt ſanctify Water to the myſtical waſhing away of ſin; We beſeech thee for thine infinite mercies, that thou

thou wilt mercifully look upon *this Child*; waſh *him* and ſanctify *him* with the Holy Ghoſt; that *he* being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the ark of Chriſt's Church; and being ſtedfaſt in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may ſo paſs the waves of this troubleſome world, that finally *he* may come to the land of everlaſting life; there to reign with thee world without end, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for ſuccour, the life of them that believe, and the reſurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for *this Infant*, that *he* coming to thy holy Baptiſm, may receive remiſſion of

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his ſins by ſpiritual regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as thou haſt promiſed by thy well-beloved Son, ſaying, Aſk, and ye ſhall have; ſeek, and ye ſhall find; knock, and it ſhall be opened unto you: So give now unto us that aſk; let us that ſeek, find; open the gate unto us that knock; that *this Infant* may enjoy the everlaſting benediction of thy heavenly waſhing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou haſt promiſed by Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the People ſtand up, and the Prieſt ſhall ſay,*

Hear the words of the Goſpel written by Saint *Mark*, in the tenth Chapter, at the thirteenth Verſe.

THEY brought young children to Chriſt, that he ſhould touch them; and his diſciples rebuked

buked thoſe that brought them. But when Jeſus ſaw it, he was much diſpleaſed, and ſaid unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of ſuch is the kingdom of God. Verily I ſay unto you, Whoſoever ſhall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he ſhall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and bleſſed them.

¶ *After the Goſpel is read, the Miniſter ſhall make this brief Exhortation upon the words of the Goſpel.*

BEloved, ye hear in this Goſpel the words of our Saviour Chriſt, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed thoſe that would have kept them from him; how he

he exhorteth all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how by his outward geſture and deed he declared his good-will toward them; for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them, and bleſſed them. Doubt ye not therefore, but earneſtly believe, that he will likewiſe favourably receive *this* preſent *Infant*; that he will embrace *him* with the arms of his mercy; that he will give unto *him* the bleſſing of eternal life, and make *him partaker* of his everlaſting kingdom. Wherefore, we being thus perſwaded of the good-will of our heavenly Father towards *this Infant*, declared by his Son Jeſus Chriſt, and nothing doubting but that he favourably alloweth this charitable work of ours in bringing *this Infant* to his

his holy Baptiſm; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and ſay,

ALmighty and everlaſting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, that thou haſt vouchſafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increaſe this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *this Infant*, that *he* may be born again, and be made *an heir* of everlaſting ſalvation, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſpeak unto the Godfathers and Godmothers on this wiſe.*

DEarly beloved, ye have brought *this Child* here to be baptized, ye have prayed that our Lord Jeſus Chriſt

Chriſt would vouchſafe to receive *him*, to releaſe *him* of *his* ſins, to ſanctify *him* with the Holy Ghoſt, to give *him* the kingdom of heaven, and everlaſting life. Ye have heard alſo, that our Lord Jeſus Chriſt hath promiſed in his Goſpel to grant all theſe things that ye have prayed for: which promiſe, he for his part will moſt ſurely keep and perform. Wherefore, after this promiſe made by Chriſt, *this Infant* muſt alſo faithfully for *his* part, promiſe by you that are *his* ſureties, (until *he* come of age to take it upon *himſelf*,) that *he* will renounce the devil and all his works, and conſtantly believe God's holy Word, and obediently keep his Commandments.

I demand therefore,

DOST thou, in the Name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous deſires of the ſame, and the carnal deſires of the fleſh, ſo that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Anſw. I renounce them all.

Miniſter.

DOST thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

And in Jeſus Chriſt his only-begotten Son our Lord? And that he was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin Mary; that he ſuffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

ried; that he went down into hell, and alſo did riſe again the third day; that he aſcended into heaven, and ſitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and from thence ſhall come again at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead?

And doſt thou believe in the Holy Ghoſt; the holy Catholick Church; the Communion of Saints; the Remiſſion of ſins; the Reſurrection of the fleſh; and everlaſting life after death?

Anſw. All this I ſtedfaſtly believe.

Miniſter.

WILT thou be baptized in this faith?

Anſw. That is my deſire.

Miniſter.

WILT thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the ſame all the days of thy life?

Anſw. I will.

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay,*

O Merciful God, grant that the old Adam in *this Child* may be ſo buried, that the new man may be raiſed up in *him*. *Amen*.

Grant that all carnal affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit, may live and grow in *him*. *Amen*.

Grant that *he* may have power and ſtrength to have victory, and to triumph againſt the devil, the world, and the fleſh. *Amen*.

Grant

Grant that whoſoever is here dedicated to thee by our Office and Miniſtry, may alſo be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlaſtingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O bleſſed Lord God, who doſt live, and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty, everliving God, whoſe moſt dearly beloved Son Jeſus Chriſt, for the forgiveneſs of our ſins, did ſhed out of his moſt precious ſide both water and blood; and gave commandment to his diſciples, that they ſhould go teach all nations, and baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt; Regard, we beſeech thee, the ſupplications of thy Congregation; ſanctify this water to the

myſtical waſhing away of ſin; and grant that *this Child* now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulneſs of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Prieſt ſhall take the Child into his hands, and ſhall ſay to the Godfathers and Godmothers,*

Name this Child.

¶ *And then naming it after them, (if they ſhall certify him that the Child may well endure it,) he ſhall dip it in the Water diſcreetly and warily; or elſe, pour Water upon it, ſaying,*

N. I baptize thee, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt. Amen.

¶ *Then*

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WE receive this Child into the congregation of Chriſt's flock; and do * ſign *him* with the ſign of the Croſs, in token that hereafter *he* ſhall not be aſhamed to confeſs the faith of Chriſt crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, againſt ſin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Chriſt's faithful ſoldier and ſervant unto *his* life's end. Amen.

* *Here the Prieſt ſhall make a Croſs upon the Child's forehead.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay,*

SEeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that *this Child is* regenerate, and grafted into the body of Chriſt's Church; let us give thanks unto Almighty God for theſe benefits, and with one accord make our prayers unto him,

that *this Child* may lead the reſt of *his life* according to this beginning.

¶ *Then ſhall be ſaid, all kneeling;*

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay,*

WE yield thee hearty thanks, moſt merciful Father, that it hath pleaſed thee to regenerate *this Infant* with thy Holy Spirit, to receive *him* for thine own *Child* by adoption, and to incorporate

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him into thy holy Church. And humbly we beſeech thee to grant, that *he* being dead unto ſin, and living unto righteouſneſs, and being buried with Chriſt in his death, may crucify the old man, and utterly aboliſh the whole body of ſin; and that as *he is* made *partaker* of the death of thy Son, *he* may alſo be *partaker* of his reſurrection; ſo that finally, with the reſidue of thy holy Church, *he* may be *an inheritor* of thine everlaſting kingdom, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then all ſtanding up, the Prieſt ſhall ſay to the Godfathers and Godmothers this Exhortation following.*

FOraſmuch as *this Child hath* promiſed by you *his* ſureties, to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to ſerve

ſerve him; ye muſt remember, that it is your parts and duties to ſee that *this Infant* be taught, ſo ſoon as *he* ſhall be able to learn, what a ſolemn vow, promiſe, and profeſſion *he hath* here made by you. And that *he* may know theſe things the better, ye ſhall call upon *him* to hear Sermons; and chiefly ye ſhall provide, that *he* may learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments in the vulgar tongue, and all other things which a Chriſtian ought to know and believe to his ſoul's health; and that *this Child* may be virtuouſly brought up to lead a godly and a chriſtian life; remembering always, that Baptiſm doth repreſent unto us our profeſſion; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Chriſt, and

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to be made like unto him; that as he died, and roſe again for us; ſo ſhould we, who are baptized, die from ſin, and riſe again unto righteouſneſs; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godlineſs of living.

¶ *Then ſhall he add, and ſay;*

YE are to take care that *this Child* be brought to the Biſhop to be confirmed by him, ſo ſoon as *he* can ſay the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments in the vulgar tongue, and be further inſtructed in the Church Catechiſm ſet forth for that purpoſe.

PRIVATE BAPTISM of INFANTS In Houſes.

¶ *Let the Miniſter, with them that are preſent, ſay the Lord's Prayer, and ſo many of the following Collects as the preſent exigence will ſuffer.*

Let us pray.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay,*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, who of thy great mercy didſt ſave Noah and his family in the ark from periſhing by water; and alſo didſt ſafely lead

lead the children of Iſrael thy people through the Red Sea, figuring thereby thy holy Baptiſm; and by the Baptiſm of thy well-beloved Son Jeſus Chriſt in the river Jordan, didſt ſanctify Water to the myſtical waſhing away of ſin; We beſeech thee for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt mercifully look upon *this Child*; waſh *him* and ſanctify *him* with the Holy Ghoſt; that *he* being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the ark of Chriſt's Church; and being ſtedfaſt in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may ſo paſs the waves of this troubleſome world, that finally *he* may come to the land of everlaſting life; there to reign with thee world without end, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty and immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for ſuccour, the life of them that believe, and the reſurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for *this Infant*, that *he* coming to thy holy Baptiſm, may receive remiſſion of *his* ſins by ſpiritual regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as thou haſt promiſed by thy well-beloved Son, ſaying, Aſk, and ye ſhall have; ſeek, and ye ſhall find; knock, and it ſhall be opened unto you: So give now unto us that aſk; let us that ſeek, find; open the gate unto us that knock; that *this Infant* may enjoy the everlaſting benediction of thy heavenly waſhing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou haſt promiſed by Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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ALmighty, everliving God, whoſe moſt dearly beloved Son Jeſus Chriſt, for the forgiveneſs of our ſins, did ſhed out of his moſt precious ſide both water and blood; and gave commandment to his diſciples, that they ſhould go teach all nations, and baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt; Regard, we beſeech thee, the ſupplications of thy Congregation; ſanctify this water to the myſtical waſhing away of ſin; and grant that *this Child* now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulneſs of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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¶ *And*

¶ *And then the Child being named by ſome one that is preſent, the Miniſter ſhall pour Water upon it, ſaying theſe words;*

I baptize thee, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt. Amen.

¶ *Then all kneeling down, the Miniſter ſhall give thanks unto God, and ſay,*

WE yield thee hearty thanks, moſt merciful Father, that it hath pleaſed thee to regenerate *this Infant* with thy Holy Spirit, to receive *him* for thine own *Child* by adoption, and to incorporate *him* into thy holy Church. And we humbly beſeech thee to grant, that as *he is* now made *partaker* of the death of thy Son, ſo *he* may be alſo of his reſurrection; and that finally, with the reſidue of thy ſaints, *he* may inherit thine everlaſting kingdom, through the ſame thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *If the Child, which is after this ſort baptized, do afterward live, it is expedient that it be brought into the Church; to the intent that if the Miniſter of the ſame Pariſh did himſelf baptize that Child, the Congregation may be certified of the true Form of Baptiſm, by him privately before uſed: In which caſe he ſhall ſay thus,*

I Certify you, that according to the due and preſcribed Order of the Church, *at ſuch a time, and at ſuch a place,* before divers witneſſes I baptized this Child; —— who *&c.*

[¶ *But if the Child was baptized by any other lawful Miniſter; then the Miniſter of the Pariſh where the Child was born or chriſtened, ſhall examine whether the Child be lawfully baptized, or no; ſaying,*

BY whom was this Child baptized?

Who was preſent when this Child was baptized?

Becauſe ſome things eſſential to this Sacrament may happen to be omitted through fear or haſte, in ſuch times of extremity; therefore I demand further of you,

With what matter was this Child baptized?

With what words was this Child baptized?

¶ *And if the Miniſter ſhall find by the Anſwers of ſuch as bring the Child, that all things were done as they ought to be; then ſhall not he chriſten the Child again, but ſhall receive him as one of the flock of true chriſtian people, ſaying thus;*

I Certify you, that in this caſe all is well done, and according unto due order concerning the baptizing of this Child;] —— who

—— who being born in original ſin, and in the wrath of God, is now by the laver of regeneration in Baptiſm, received into the number of the children of God, and heirs of everlaſting life: for our Lord Jeſus Chriſt doth not deny his grace and mercy unto ſuch Infants, but moſt lovingly doth call them unto him, as the holy Goſpel doth witneſs to our comfort, on this wiſe:

S. *Mark* 10. 13.

THEY brought young children to Chriſt, that he ſhould touch them; and his diſciples rebuked thoſe that brought them. But when Jeſus ſaw it, he was much diſpleaſed, and ſaid unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of ſuch is the kingdom

of God. Verily I ſay unto you, Whoſoever ſhall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he ſhall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and bleſſed them.

¶ *After the Goſpel is read, the Miniſter ſhall make this brief Exhortation upon the words of the Goſpel.*

BEloved, ye hear in this Goſpel the words of our Saviour Chriſt, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed thoſe that would have kept them from him; how he exhorted all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how by his outward geſture and deed he declared his good-will toward them; for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them,

them, and bleſſed them. Doubt ye not therefore, but earneſtly believe, that he hath likewiſe favourably received *this* preſent *Infant*; that he hath embraced *him* with the arms of his mercy; and (as he hath promiſed in his holy Word,) will give unto *him* the bleſſing of eternal life, and make *him partaker* of his everlaſting kingdom. Wherefore, we being thus perſwaded of the good-will of our heavenly Father, declared by his Son Jeſus Chriſt, towards *this Infant*; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and ſay the Prayer, which the Lord himſelf taught us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

ALmighty and everlaſting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, that thou haſt vouchſafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee: Increaſe this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *this Infant*, that *he* being born again, and being made *an heir* of everlaſting ſalvation through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, may continue thy *ſervant*, and attain thy promiſe, through the ſame our Lord Jeſus Chriſt thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt demand the Name of the Child; which being by the Godfathers and Godmothers pronounced, the Miniſter ſhall ſay,*

DOST thou, in the Name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous deſires of the ſame, and the carnal deſires of the fleſh, ſo that thou wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Anſw. I renounce them all.

Miniſter.

DOST thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

And in Jeſus Chriſt his only-begotten Son our Lord? And that he was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin Mary; that he ſuffered under Pontius Pilate,

late, was crucified, dead, and buried; that he went down into hell, and alſo did riſe again the third day; that he aſcended into heaven, and ſitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and from thence ſhall come again at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead?

And doſt thou believe in the Holy Ghoſt; the holy Catholick Church; the Communion of Saints; the Remiſſion of ſins; the Reſurrection of the fleſh; and everlaſting life after death?

Anſw. All this I ſtedfaſtly believe.

Miniſter.

WILT thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the ſame all the days of thy life?

Anſw. I will.

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then the Prieſt, taking the Child in his arms, ſhall ſay,*

WE receive this Child into the congregation of Chriſt's flock; and do *ſign *him* with the ſign of the Croſs, in token that hereafter *he* ſhall not be aſhamed to confeſs the faith of Chriſt crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, againſt ſin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Chriſt's faithful ſoldier and ſervant unto *his* life's end. Amen.

** Here the Prieſt ſhall make a Croſs upon the Child's forehead.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay,*

SEeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that *this Child is* by Baptiſm regenerate, and grafted into the Body of Chriſt's Church; let us give thanks unto Almighty God

God for theſe benefits, and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *he* may lead the reſt of *his life* according to this beginning.

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay,*

WE yield thee moſt hearty thanks, moſt merciful Father, that it hath pleaſed thee to regenerate *this Infant* with thy Holy Spirit, to receive *him* for thine own *Child* by adoption, and to incorporate *him* into thy holy Church. And humbly we beſeech thee to grant, that *he* being dead unto ſin, and living unto righteouſneſs, and being buried with Chriſt in his death, may crucify the old man, and utterly aboliſh the whole body of ſin; and that as *he is* made *partaker* of the death of thy Son, *he* may alſo be

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partaker of his reſurrection; ſo that finally, with the reſidue of thy holy Church, *he* may be *an inheritor* of thine everlaſting kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then all ſtanding up, the Miniſter ſhall make this Exhortation to the Godfathers and Godmothers.*

FOraſmuch as *this Child hath* promiſed by you *his* Sureties, to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to ſerve him; ye muſt remember, that it is your parts and duties to ſee that *this Infant* be taught, ſo ſoon as *he* ſhall be able to learn, what a ſolemn vow, promiſe, and profeſſion *he hath* here made by you. And that *he* may know theſe things the better, ye ſhall call upon *him* to hear Sermons; and chiefly

chiefly ye ſhall provide, that *he* may learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments in the vulgar tongue, and all other things which a Chriſtian ought to know and believe to his ſoul's health; and that *this Child* may be virtuouſly brought up to lead a godly and a chriſtian life; remembering always, that Baptiſm doth repreſent unto us our profeſſion; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Chriſt, and be made like unto him; that as he died, and roſe again for us; ſo ſhould we, who are baptized, die from ſin, and riſe again unto righteouſneſs; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godlineſs of living.

¶ *But*

¶ *But if they which bring the Infant to the Church, do make ſuch uncertain Anſwers to the Prieſt's Queſtions, as that it cannot appear that the Child was baptized with* Water, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt, *(which are eſſential parts of Baptiſm;) then let the Prieſt baptize it in the Form before appointed for Publick Baptiſm of Infants; ſaving that at the dipping of the Child in the Font, he ſhall uſe this Form of words.*

IF thou art not already baptized, *N.* I baptize thee, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt. Amen.

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The OFFICE for CHURCHING of WOMEN.

¶ *The Woman, at the uſual Time after her Delivery, ſhall come into the Church decently apparelled, and there ſhall kneel down in ſome convenient place, as hath been accuſtomed, or as the Ordinary ſhall direct: And then the Prieſt ſhall ſay unto her,*

FOraſmuch as it hath pleaſed Almighty God of his goodneſs to give you ſafe deliverance, and hath preſerved you in the great danger of Child-birth; you ſhall therefore give hearty thanks unto God, and ſay;

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay* Pſalm 116.

I Am well pleaſed: that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;

That he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

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The ſnares of death compaſſed me round about: and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I found trouble and heavineſs; and I called upon the Name of the Lord: O Lord, I beſeech thee, deliver my ſoul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preſerveth the ſimple: I was in miſery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy reſt, O my ſoul: for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou haſt delivered my ſoul from death: mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord: in the land of the living.

I believed, and therefore will I ſpeak; but I was ſore troubled:

I ſaid in my haſte, All men are liars.

What reward ſhall I give unto the Lord: for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of ſalvation: and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows now in the preſence of all his people: in the courts of the Lord's houſe, even in the midſt of thee, O Jeruſalem. Praiſe the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, *&c.*

As it was in the beginning, *&c.*

¶ *Or* Pſalm 127.

EXcept the Lord build the houſe: their labour is but loſt that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city: the watchman waketh but in vain.

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It is but loſt labour that ye haſte to riſe up early, and ſo late take reſt, and eat the bread of carefulneſs: for ſo he giveth his beloved ſleep.

Lo, children and the fruit of the womb: are an heritage and gift, that cometh of the Lord.

Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant: even ſo are the young children.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they ſhall not be aſhamed, when they ſpeak with their enemies in the gate.

Glory be to the Father, *&c.*

As it was in the beginning, *&c.*

¶ *Then the Prieſt ſhall ſay,*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Chriſt, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Miniſter. O Lord, ſave this woman thy ſervant;

Anſwer. Who putteth her truſt in thee.

Miniſter. Be thou to her a ſtrong tower;

Anſwer. From the face of her enemy.

Miniſter. Lord, hear our prayer;

Anſwer. And let our cry come unto thee.

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Miniſter.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, we give thee humble thanks for that thou haſt vouchſafed to deliver this woman thy ſervant from the great pain and peril of Child-birth; Grant, we beſeech thee, moſt merciful Father, that ſhe through thy help may both faithfully live, and walk according to thy will in this life preſent; and alſo may be partaker of everlaſting glory in the life to come, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Woman that cometh to give her Thanks, muſt offer accuſtomed Offerings; and if there be a Communion, it is convenient that ſhe receive the holy Communion.*

The ORDER for the VISITATION of the SICK.

¶ *When any Perſon is ſick, notice ſhall be given thereof to the Miniſter of the Pariſh; who coming into the ſick Perſon's houſe, ſhall ſay,*

PEACE be to this houſe, and to all that dwell in it.

¶ *When he cometh into the ſick man's preſence, he ſhall ſay, kneeling down,*

REmember not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers: Spare us, good Lord; ſpare thy people, whom thou haſt redeemed with thy moſt precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Anſw. Spare us, good Lord.

¶ *Then the Miniſter ſhall ſay,*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Chriſt, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Miniſter. O Lord, ſave thy ſervant;

Anſw. Which putteth *his* truſt in thee.

Miniſter. Send *him* help from thy holy place;

Anſw. And evermore mightily defend *him.*

Miniſter. Let the enemy have no advantage of *him*;

Anſw. Nor the wicked approach to hurt *him.*

Miniſter. Be unto *him*, O Lord, a ſtrong tower,

Anſw. From the face of *his* enemy.

Miniſt. O Lord, hear our prayers;

Anſw. And let our cry come unto thee.

Miniſter.

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, viſit, and relieve this thy ſervant: Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy, give *him* comfort and ſure confidence in thee, defend *him* from the danger of the enemy, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and ſafety, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

HEAR us, Almighty and moſt merciful God and Saviour; extend thy accuſtomed goodneſs to this thy ſervant, who is grieved with ſickneſs: Sanctify, we beſeech

ſeech thee, this thy fatherly correction to *him*; that the ſenſe of *his* weakneſs may add ſtrength to *his* faith, and ſerioufneſs to *his* repentance: That if it ſhall be thy good pleaſure to reſtore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the reſidue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory: or elſe, give *him* grace ſo to take thy viſitation, that after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlaſting, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Miniſter exhort the ſick Perſon after this form, or other like.*

DEarly beloved, know this, that Almighty God is the Lord of life and death, and of all things to them pertaining, as youth, ſtrength, health, age, weakneſs, and ſickneſs. Wherefore, whatſoever your ſickneſs is, know you certainly, that it is God's viſitation. And for what

cauſe ſoever this ſickneſs is ſent unto you; whether it be to try your patience for the example of others, and that your faith may be found in the day of the Lord, laudable, glorious, and honourable, to the increaſe of glory and endleſs felicity; or elſe it be ſent unto you to correct and amend in you whatſoever doth offend the eyes of your heavenly Father; know you certainly, that if you truly repent you of your ſins, and bear your ſickneſs patiently, truſting in God's mercy, for his dear Son Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, and render unto him humble thanks for his fatherly viſitation, ſubmitting yourſelf wholly unto his will; it ſhall turn to your profit, and help you forward in the right way that leadeth unto everlaſting life.

¶ *If the perſon viſited be very ſick, then the Curate may end his Exhortation in this place, or elſe proceed.*

TAKE therefore in good part the chaſtiſement of the Lord: For (as St. Paul ſaith in the twelfth Chapter to the Hebrews) Whom the Lord loveth he chaſteneth, and ſcourgeth every ſon whom he receiveth. If ye endure chaſtening, God dealeth with you as with ſons: for what ſon is he, whom the father chaſteneth not? But if ye be without chaſtiſement, whereof all are partakers; then are ye baſtards, and not ſons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of our fleſh, which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: ſhall we not much rather be in ſubjection unto the Father of Spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chaſtened us after

after their own pleaſure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holineſs. Theſe words, good *brother*, are written in holy Scripture for our comfort and inſtruction; that we ſhould patiently, and with thanksgiving bear our heavenly Father's correction, whenſoever by any manner of adverſity it ſhall pleaſe his gracious goodneſs to viſit us. And there ſhould be no greater comfort to chriſtian perſons, than to be made like unto Chriſt, by ſuffering patiently adverſities, troubles, and ſicknefſes: For he himſelf went not up to joy, but firſt he ſuffered pain; he entered not into his glory, before he was crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy, is to ſuffer here with Chriſt; and our door to enter into eternal life, is gladly to die with

with Chriſt; that we may riſe again from death, and dwell with him in everlaſting life. Now therefore taking your ſickneſs, which is thus profitable for you, patiently; I exhort you in the Name of God, to remember the profeſſion, which you made unto God in your Baptiſm. And foraſmuch as after this life, there is an account to be given unto the righteous Judge, by whom all muſt be judged without reſpect of perſons; I require you to examine yourſelf and your eſtate, both toward God and man; ſo that accuſing and condemning yourſelf for your own faults, you may find mercy at our heavenly Father's hand for Chriſt's ſake, and not be accuſed and condemned in that fearful judgement. Therefore I ſhall rehearſe to you the Articles

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of our Faith; that you may know whether you do believe as a chriſtian man ſhould, or no.

¶ *Here the Miniſter ſhall rehearſe the Articles of the Faith, ſaying thus;*

DOST thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

And in Jeſus Chriſt his only-begotten Son our Lord? And that he was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt; born of the Virgin Mary; that he ſuffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; that he went down into hell, and alſo did riſe again the third day; that he aſcended into heaven, and ſitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and from thence ſhall come again at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead?

And

And doſt thou believe in the Holy Ghoſt; the holy Catholick Church; the communion of ſaints; the remiſſion of ſins; the reſurrection of the fleſh; and everlaſting life after death?

¶ *The ſick Perſon ſhall anſwer,*

All this I ſtedfaſtly believe.

¶ *Then ſhall the Miniſter examine whether he repent him truly of his ſins, and be in charity with all the world; exhorting him to forgive from the bottom of his heart all perſons that have offended him; and if he hath offended any other, to aſk them forgiveneſs; and where he hath done injury or wrong to any man, that he make amends to the uttermoſt of his power.*

¶ *Here ſhall the ſick perſon be moved to make a ſpecial Confeſſion of his ſins, if he feel his Conſcience troubled with any weighty matter. After which Confeſſion, the Prieſt ſhall abſolve him (if he humbly and heartily deſire it) after this ſort.*

OUR Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who hath left power to his Church to abſolve all ſinners, who truly repent and believe in him; of his great mercy forgive thee thine offences: And by his Authority committed to me, I abſolve thee from all thy ſins, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt. Amen.

¶ *And then the Prieſt ſhall ſay the Collect following.*

Let us pray.

O Moſt merciful God, who according to the multitude of thy mercies, doſt ſo put away the ſins of thoſe who truly repent, that thou remembereſt them no more; Open thine eye of mercy upon this thy ſervant, who moſt earneſtly deſireth pardon and forgiveneſs. Renew in *him* (moſt loving Father) what-

whatſoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailneſs; preſerve and continue this ſick member in the unity of the Church; conſider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, aſſwage *his* pain, as ſhall ſeem to thee moſt expedient for *him*. And foraſmuch as *he* putteth *his* full truſt only in thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* former ſins; but ſtrengthen *him* with thy bleſſed Spirit; and when thou art pleaſed to take *him* hence, take *him* unto thy favour, through the merits of thy moſt dearly beloved Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Miniſter ſay this Pſalm.*

IN thee, O Lord, have I put my truſt; let me never be put to confuſion: but rid me, and deliver me

me in thy righteouſneſs; incline thine ear unto me, and ſave me.

Be thou my ſtrong hold, whereunto I may alway reſort: thou haſt promiſed to help me; for thou art my houſe of defence, and my caſtle.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly: out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: thou art my hope, even from my youth.

Through thee have I been holden up ever ſince I was born: thou art he, that took me out of my mother's womb; my praiſe ſhall be always of thee.

I am become as it were a monſter unto many: but my ſure truſt is in thee.

O let my mouth be filled with thy praiſe: that I may ſing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Caſt me not away in the time of age: forſake me not when my ſtrength faileth me.

For mine enemies ſpeak againſt me; and they that lay wait for my ſoul, take their counſel together, ſaying: God hath forſaken him, perſecute him, and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

Go not far from me, O God: my God, haſte thee to help me.

Let them be confounded and periſh, that are againſt my ſoul: let them be covered with ſhame and diſhonour, that ſeek to do me evil.

As for me, I will patiently abide alway: and will praiſe thee more and more.

My mouth ſhall daily ſpeak of thy righteouſneſs and ſalvation: for I know no end thereof.

I will go forth in the ſtrength of the Lord God: and will make mention of thy righteouſneſs only.

Thou, O God, haſt taught me from my youth up until now: therefore will I tell of thy wonderous works.

Forſake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed: until I have ſhewed thy ſtrength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

Thy righteouſneſs, O God, is very high; and great things are they that thou haſt done: O God, who is like unto thee?

Glory be to the Father, *&c.*

As it was in the beginning, *&c.*

¶ *Adding*

¶ *Adding this.*

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Croſs and precious Blood haſt redeemed us; Save us, and help us, we humbly beſeech thee, O Lord.

¶ *Then ſhall the Miniſter ſay,*

THE Almighty Lord, who is a moſt ſtrong tower to all them that put their truſt in him, to whom all things in heaven, and earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey; be now and evermore thy defence; and make thee know and feel, that there is none other Name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom thou mayeſt receive health and ſalvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

¶ *And after that ſhall ſay,*

UNto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bleſs thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to ſhine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace both now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for a ſick Child.*

O Almighty God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the iſſues of life and death; Look down from heaven, we humbly beſeech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this Child now lying upon the bed of ſickneſs: Viſit *him*, O Lord, with thy ſalvation; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and ſave *his* ſoul for thy mer-

mercies ſake: That if it ſhall be thy pleaſure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an inſtrument of thy glory, by ſerving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or elſe receive *him* into thoſe heavenly habitations, where the ſouls of them that ſleep in the Lord Jeſus, enjoy perpetual reſt and felicity: Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies ſake in the ſame thy Son our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for a ſick perſon, when there appeareth ſmall hope of recovery.*

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto thee for ſuccour in behalf of this thy ſer-

ſervant, here lying under thy hand in great weakneſs of body. Look graciouſly upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, ſtrengthen *him*, we beſeech thee, ſo much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life paſt, and ſtedfaſt faith in thy Son Jeſus; that *his* ſins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon ſealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more ſeen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impoſſible with thee; and that if thou wilt, thou canſt even yet raiſe *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongſt us: Yet foraſmuch as in all appearance the time of *his* diſſolution draweth near; ſo fit and

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prepare *him*, we beſeech thee, againſt the hour of death; that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, *his* ſoul may be received into thine everlaſting kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jeſus Chriſt thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *A commendatory Prayer for a ſick perſon at the point of departure.*

O Almighty God, with whom do live the ſpirits of juſt men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly priſons; We humbly commend the ſoul of this thy ſervant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and moſt merciful Saviour; moſt humbly beſeeching thee, that it may be precious in thy ſight. Waſh it, we

pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was ſlain to take away the ſins of the world; that whatſoever defilements it may have contracted in the midſt of this miſerable and naughty world, through the luſts of the fleſh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be preſented pure and without ſpot before thee. And teach us who ſurvive, in this and other like daily ſpectacles of mortality, to ſee, how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and ſo to number our days, that we may ſeriouſly apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wiſdom whilſt we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlaſting, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt, thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for persons troubled in mind or in conscience.*

O Blessed Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts; We beseech thee, look down in pity and compassion upon this thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against *him*, and makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities; thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* soul is full of trouble: But, O merciful God, who hast written thy holy Word for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of thy holy Scriptures, might have hope; give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, and of thy threats and promises; that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it any where but in thee. Give *him* strength against all *his* temp-

temptations, and heal all *his* diſtempers. Break not the bruiſed reed, nor quench the ſmoking flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in diſpleaſure; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladneſs, that the bones which thou haſt broken may rejoice. Deliver *him* from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace, through the merits and mediation of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

THE COMMUNION of the SICK.

¶ *When the ſick perſon is viſited, and receiveth the holy Communion all at one time, then the Prieſt, for more expedition, ſhall cut off the Form of the Viſitation at the Pſalm* [In thee, O Lord, have I put my truſt, *&c.*] *and go ſtraight to the Communion; beginning with the Collect, Epiſtle, and Goſpel, here following.*

The Collect.

ALmighty, everliving God, maker of mankind, who doſt correct thoſe whom thou doſt love, and chaſtiſe every one whom thou doſt receive; We beſeech thee to have mercy upon this thy ſervant viſited with thine hand, and to grant that *he* may take *his* ſickneſs patiently, and recover *his* bodily health, (if it be thy gracious will;) and whenſoever *his* ſoul ſhall depart from the body, it may be without ſpot preſent-

ſented unto thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epiſtle. Heb. 12. 5.

MY ſon, deſpiſe not thou the chaſtening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him. For whom the Lord loveth, he chaſteneth; and ſcourgeth every ſon whom he receiveth.

The Goſpel. S. John 5. 24.

VErily, verily I ſay unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that ſent me, hath everlaſting life, and ſhall not come into condemnation; but is paſſed from death unto life.

¶ *Then the Prieſt ſhall proceed according to the Form preſcribed for the holy Communion, beginning with this Exhortation.*

YE that do truly and earneſtly repent you of your ſins, and are in love and charity with your neigh-

neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confeſſion to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

¶ *The general Confeſſion.*

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold ſins and wickedneſs, Which we from time to time moſt grievouſly have committed, By thought, word, and deed, againſt thy divine Majeſty, Provoking moſt juſtly thy wrath and indignation againſt us. We do earneſtly repent, And are heartily ſorry for theſe our miſ-

miſdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, moſt merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, forgive us all that is paſt; And grant that we may ever hereafter ſerve and pleaſe thee in newneſs of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name, Through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt pronounce this Abſolution.*

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promiſed forgiveneſs of ſins to all them, that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your ſins; confirm and ſtrengthen

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you in all goodneſs, and bring you to everlaſting life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay,*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Chriſt ſaith unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travel, and are heavy laden, and I will refreſh you.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him, ſhould not periſh, but have everlaſting life.

Hear alſo what Saint Paul ſaith.

This is a true ſaying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Chriſt Jeſus came into the world to ſave ſinners.

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Hear alſo what Saint John ſaith.

If any man ſin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jeſus Chriſt the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our ſins.

¶ *After which the Prieſt ſhall proceed, ſaying,*

Lift up your hearts.

Anſ. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Prieſt. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Anſ. It is meet and right ſo to do.

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay,*

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we ſhould at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlaſting God:

THerefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and mag-

magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praiſing thee, and ſaying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hoſts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord moſt high. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt, kneeling down, ſay this Prayer following.*

WE do not preſume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, truſting in our own righteouſneſs, but in thy manifold and great mercies: We are not worthy ſo much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the ſame Lord, whoſe property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, ſo to eat the fleſh of thy dear Son Jeſus Chriſt, and to drink his blood, that our ſinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our ſouls

waſhed through his moſt precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay the Prayer of Conſecration, as followeth.*

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didſt give thine only Son Jeſus Chriſt to ſuffer death upon the Croſs for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himſelf once offered) a full, perfect, and ſufficient ſacrifice, oblation, and ſatisfaction for the ſins of the whole world; and did inſtitute, and in his holy Goſpel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again; Hear us, O merciful Father, we moſt humbly beſeech thee, and grant that we receiving theſe thy creatures of bread

bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt's holy inſtitution, in remembrance of his death and paſſion, may be partakers of his moſt bleſſed body and blood: who in the ſame night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his diſciples, ſaying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewiſe after ſupper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, ſaying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Teſtament, which is ſhed for you, and for many for the remiſſion of ſins; Do this, as oft as ye ſhall drink it, in remembrance of me. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the Prieſt firſt receive the Communion in both kinds himſelf, and after miniſter unto them that are appointed to communicate with the ſick, and laſt of all to the ſick Perſon. And when he delivereth the Bread, he ſhall ſay,*

THE Body of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, which was given for thee, preſerve thy body and ſoul unto everlaſting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Chriſt died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

¶ *In delivering the Cup, he ſhall ſay,*

THE Blood of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, which was ſhed for thee, preſerve thy body and ſoul unto everlaſting life. Drink this in remembrance that Chriſt's blood was ſhed for thee, and be thankful.

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¶ *When all have communicated, then the Prieſt ſhall ſay the Lord's Prayer, the People preſent repeating after him every Petition.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *After which ſhall be ſaid as followeth.*

O Lord our heavenly Father, we thy humble ſervants entirely deſire thy fatherly goodneſs, mercifully to accept this our ſacri-

fice of praiſe and thanksgiving; moſt humbly beſeeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remiſſion of our ſins, and all other benefits of his paſſion. And here we offer and preſent unto thee, O Lord, ourſelves, our ſouls and bodies, to be a reaſonable, holy, and lively ſacrifice unto thee; humbly beſeeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of his holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold ſins, to offer unto thee any ſacrifice; yet we beſeech thee to accept this our bounden duty and ſervice; not weighing our merits,

merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be said,*

GLory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us: Thou, that

takeſt away the ſins of the world, have mercy upon us: Thou, that takeſt away the ſins of the world, receive our prayer: Thou, that ſitteſt at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Chriſt, with the Holy Ghoſt, art moſt high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who haſt promiſed to hear the petitions of them that aſk in thy Son's Name; We beſeech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us, that have made now our prayers and ſupplications unto thee; and grant that thoſe things, which we have faithfully aſked according to thy will, may effectually be

be obtained, to the relief of our neceſſity, and to the ſetting forth of thy glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Prieſt ſhall conclude with this Bleſſing.*

THE peace of God, which paſſeth all underſtanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord: And the bleſſing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, be amongſt you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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The ORDER for the BURIAL of the DEAD.

¶ *At the entrance of the Church-yard, the Miniſter going either into the Church, or towards the grave, ſhall ſay,*

I Am the reſurrection and the life, ſaith the Lord: He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet ſhall he live: And whoſoever liveth and believeth in me, ſhall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he ſhall ſtand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my ſkin, worms deſtroy this body; yet in my fleſh ſhall I ſee God: whom I ſhall ſee for myſelf, and mine eyes ſhall behold, and not another.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and

and the Lord hath taken away; bleſſed be the Name of the Lord.

¶ *If the Miniſter goes into the Church, he ſhall read* Pſal. 39. *or* Pſal. 90. *or both: And after that, the Leſſon taken out of* 1 Cor. 15. 20.

¶ *When they come to the grave, while the Corps is made ready to be laid into the earth, the Prieſt ſhall ſay;*

MAN that is born of a woman, hath but a ſhort time to live, and is full of miſery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a ſhadow, and never continueth in one ſtay.

In the midſt of life we are in death: Of whom may we ſeek for ſuccour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our ſins art juſtly diſpleaſed?

Yet, O Lord God moſt holy, O Lord moſt mighty, O holy and moſt mer-

merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knoweſt, Lord, the ſecrets of our hearts; ſhut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but ſpare us, Lord moſt holy, O God moſt mighty, O holy, and merciful Saviour, thou moſt worthy Judge eternal, ſuffer us not at our laſt hour for any pains of death to fall from thee.

¶ *Then while the earth ſhall be caſt upon the Body by ſome ſtanding by, the Prieſt ſhall ſay,*

FOraſmuch as it hath pleaſed Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himſelf the ſoul of our dear *brother* here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, aſhes to aſhes, duſt to duſt; in ſure and certain hope of the reſur-

ſurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; who ſhall change our vile body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to ſubdue all things to himſelf.

¶ *Then ſhall be ſaid,*

I Heard a voice from heaven, ſaying unto me; Write, From henceforth bleſſed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even ſo, ſaith the Spirit; for they reſt from their labours.

¶ *Then the Prieſt ſhall ſay,*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Chriſt, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done

done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Prieſt.

ALmighty God, with whom do live the ſpirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the ſouls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the fleſh, are in joy and felicity; We give thee hearty thanks, for that it hath pleaſed thee to deliver this our *brother* out of the miſeries of this ſinful world; beſeeching thee, that it may pleaſe thee of thy gracious goodneſs, ſhortly to accompliſh the number of thine elect, and to haſten thy kingdom; that we, with all thoſe that are de-

departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect conſummation and bliſs, both in body and ſoul, in thy eternal and everlaſting glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect.

O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who is the reſurrection and the life; in whom whoſoever believeth, ſhall live, though he die; and whoſoever liveth and believeth in him, ſhall not die eternally; who alſo hath taught us, by his holy Apoſtle Saint Paul, Not to be ſorry, as men without hope, for them that ſleep in him; We meekly beſeech thee, O Father, to raiſe us from the death of ſin unto the life of righteouſneſs; that when we ſhall depart this life, we may reſt in him, as our hope is,

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this our *brother* doth; and that at the general reſurrection in the laſt day, we may be found acceptable in thy ſight; and receive that bleſſing, which thy well-beloved Son ſhall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, ſaying, Come, ye bleſſed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: Grant this, we beſeech thee, O merciful Father, through Jeſus Chriſt, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

THE Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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THE END.

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